

- (4) A *Consent and Agreement to Adoption* (form ADOPT-210) to be signed in the presence of the judge. If the child is 12 years or older, the child must also sign in the judge's presence.
- (5) An *Order of Adoption* (form ADOPT-215) with the name the child will now use inserted where indicated.
- (6) Your camera, if you wish photos with the judge.

ADOPTION INFORMATION

Form Approved for Optional Use
Judicial Council of California
ADOPT-050 [New January 1, 2000]

1. If this is a STEPPARENT adoption:

- a. Complete *Petition for Adoption* (form ADOPT-200) and file it in the office of the court clerk in the county in which you reside.
- b. Cooperate with the person responsible for preparing a report to the court about the adoption.
- c. Make sure that the following documents are filed:
 - (1) Consent of the other person who will continue to be the child's parent.
 - (2) Consent or proof of death of the parent you will replace; or a petition to terminate that person's parental rights.
 - (3) Proof of service of the petition and notice to the parent you will replace if that person has not consented to the adoption.
- d. When the report has been filed and all other matters completed, contact the clerk's office to arrange for a court date for the adoption.
- e. When you come to court, bring with you:
 - (1) The child.
 - (2) A *Consent and Agreement to Adoption* (form ADOPT-210) to be signed in the presence of the judge. If the child is 12 years or older, the child must also sign in the judge's presence.

- (3) An *Order of Adoption Form ADOPT-215* with the name the child will now use inserted where indicated.
- (4) Your camera, if you wish photos with the judge.

2. If this is an INDEPENDENT, AGENCY, OR INTERCOUNTRY adoption:

- a. Complete the *Petition for Adoption* (form ADOPT-200) and file it in the office of the Court Clerk in the county in which you reside.
- b. Cooperate with the person responsible for preparing a report to the court about the adoption.
- c. Make sure that all consents, relinquishments, and/or termination of parental rights procedures are completed.
- d. When the report has been filed and all other matters completed, contact the clerk's office to arrange for a court date for the adoption.
- e. When you come to court, bring with you:
 - (1) The child.
 - (2) Both adopting parents if there are two.
 - (3) A completed *Accounting Report—Adoptions* (form ADOPT-230), which is current as of the date of the adoption.